

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The glass ceramic or glass body is decorated with a colorant based on a silicate melt containing from about 1 to 30 percent by weight of a special-effect pigment, which provides a color-flop effect. The color-flop pigment consists of synthetically produced plane-parallel silicon dioxide platelets coated with metal oxides, such as titanium dioxide. The color-flop pigment is preferably a dry free-flowing powder containing 52 - 66 wt.% of SiO₂, 32 - 42 wt.% of TiO₂; 1 - 5 wt.% of SnO₂; and 0 - 3 wt.% of ZrO₂ in which more than 80 % of the platelets have a particle size of from 5 to 40 µm. A glass ceramic cooking surface can be decorated with this colorant to provide a decorated glass ceramic cooking surface that withstands high heat loads.